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## Poetry.

### THE WANING MOON.

BY WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

I've looked at God's broad silent sky;  
One look at Goli's broad silent sky;  
Oh, how it wishes vainly dead,  
How in your very strength ye die!

Even while your glow is on the cheek,  
And scarce the high pursuit leaveth,  
The heart grows faint, the hand grows weak,  
The task of life is left undone.

See, where, upon the horizon's brim,  
Lies the still cloud in gloomy bars,  
The waning moon, all pale and dim,  
Sails up amid the eternal stars.

Late, in a flood of tender light,  
She floated through the ethereal blue,  
A softer sun, that shone all night,  
Upon the gathering clouds of dew.

And still thou wane, pallid moon,  
The encroaching shadow grows apace;  
Heaven's everlasting watches run,  
Shall see thee blot out from thy place.

Oh, Night's deflected and crownless queen!  
Wilt thou thy sad, expiring ray  
Be shed on those whose eyes have seen  
Hope's glorious visions fade away.

Shine then for forms that once were bright,  
For faces in the mind's eclipse,  
For those whose words were spells of night,  
But failer now on stammering lips.

In thy decaying beam there lies  
Full many a grave on hill and plain,  
Of those who closed their dying eyes  
In grief that they had lived in vain.

Another night, and then among  
The spheres of heaven shall come to shine,  
All rayless in the glittering throng,  
Whose lustre late was quenched in thine.

Yet soon a new and tender light  
From out thy darkened orb shall beam,  
And broaden till it shines all night  
On glistering dew and glimmering stream.

THE WORLD IS BEFORE THEE.

The wide world is before thee,  
Go forth in its blaze;  
Life's sunnier days restore thee  
The smile of happier days.

I would not in thy bosom  
One bitter thought should spring;  
Be like the treasured blossom  
That wears no secret sting.

Soon every strong emotion  
Shall drop its lidless breast;  
The fiercest storms of ocean  
At last are lulled to rest.

And as the changed scene stealing  
A cheering beam appears;  
So, in the work of feeling,  
Hope follows after tears.

## Miscellany.

### DARK EYES.

The moon, to-night, is shining on my forehead,  
And its silver light falls on my hand,  
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